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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL EXERCISE (HILEX-6)

COMMERCE FOR BODC & MARAD; SECDEF FOR OASD I&L; INTERIOR FOR OOG

REF: A. USNATO 410

B. AC/287(H-6)-WP/5(2ND REVISE)

SUMMARY: MISSION PROPOSS INCIDENT FOR HILEX-6 WITH MARITIME LOGISTIC IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDS ESTABLISHMENT OF WASHINGTON RESPONSE CELL DURING EXERCISE PLAY. EXERCISE WILL BE PLAYED AT HIGH LEVEL IN ALLIED CAPITALS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON DECISION ON PROPOSED INCIDENT AND ON RESPONSE CELL. END SUMMARY.

1. PROPOSED INCIDENT - REFTEL A REPORTED USNATO WOULD SUBMIT
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PROPOSED INCIDENT FOR CONSIDERATION AS FREE PLAY ITEM FOR HILEX-6 INVOLVING MILITARY LOGISTIC INTEREST. THIS ITEM WOULD BE INJECTED EARLY IN EXERCISE AND WOULD INVOLVE DELAY AND DIVERSION OF CRITICAL SUPPLIES DESTIED FOR ALLIED COM-

MAND EUROPE. PROPOSED INCIDENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THOSE LISTED ANNEX A TO REF B AND IS DESCRIBED BELOW.

2. DETAILS OF USNATO PROPOSAL: A. ATLANTIC CONTAINER LINE SHIP DEPARTED PORTSMOUTH, VA. MAR 11 AND WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ANTWERP MAR 21. THREE CONTAINERS ABOARD HAVE HIGH PRIORITY SPARE PARTS FOR MISSILES. THESE PARTS WERE DESTINED FOR NATO MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY AGENCY, LUXEMBOURG DEPOT, FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION TO ACE NIKE/HONEST JOHN UNITS.

B. AT 180900Z MAR 74 SS ATLANTIC STAR IN POSITIN 46N 24W HAD MINOR COLLISION WITH SOVIET DESTROYER ATTEMPTING TO COME ALONGSIDE. FOLLOWING COLLISION, SS ATLANTIC STAR WAS STOPPED AND BOARDED BY SOVIETS. AFTER SEARCH OF SHIP AND INSPECTION OF PAPERS, SOVIETS ISSUED WARNING TO REMAIN CLEAR OF CLOSURE AREA ANNOUNCED MAR 15 EXTENDING FROM 45N TO 55N AND FROM 12W TO 25W.

C. WHILE PROCEEDING SOUTH TO CLEAR AREA SS ATLANTIC STAR DISCOVERED DAMAGE TO SHAFTING/PROPELLER CAUSING SEVERE VIBRATIONS AND LIMITING SPEED TO 14 KTS. ALTHOUGH NOT IN IMMEDIATE DANGER SS ATLANTIC STAR MAKES FOR LISBON FOR DRY-DOCK REPAIRS. ESTIMATED TIME ARRIVAL LISBON 202200Z MAR 74.

3. ALL HILEX-6 INCIDENTS, MILITARY OR CIVIL, SHOULD BE INJECTED BY MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF C-M(71)1. ASSUMING WASHINGTON CONCURS IN PROPOSED INCIDENT, FOLLOWING MESSAGES COULD BE SENT FROM WASHINGTON OVER NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM:

A. DTG 181405Z MAR 74 ORIGINATOR SECDEF TO AIG 6006/6007; TEXT:
"SS ATLANTIC STAR REPORTS MINOR COLLISION AT 180900Z MAR 74 WITH SOVIET DESTROYER POSITION 46N 24W. STOPPED AND BOARDED."

B. DTG 182040Z MAR 74 ORIGINATOR SECDEF TO AIG 6006/6007;
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"1. SS ATLANTIC STAR ENROUTE LISBON FOR REPAIRS TO PROPELLER/SHAFTING. MAX SPEED 14 KTS. ETA LISBON 202200Z MAR 74.

"2. THIS CONTAINER SHIP HAS THREE CONTAINERS CRITICAL PARTS FOR NIKE/HONEST JOHN MISSILES IN ACE AREA. REQUEST NATO MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY AGENCY, LUXEMBOURG, ARRANGE FOR PICKUP AT LISBON AND IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION."
ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE IF INCIDENT PROPOSED PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE IS ACCEPTABLE.

4. EXERCISE ARRANGEMENTS - OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT EXERCISE WILL BE PLAYED AT HIGH LEVEL IN THEIR CAPITALS. NETHERLANDS EXPECTS CLOSE INVOLVEMENT OF

MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND SOME PARTICIPATION BY PRIME MINISTER. FRG, UK AND CANADA WILL HAVE HEADQUARTERS HEADED BY MINISTERIAL LEVEL OFFICERS AND STAFFED BY SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED.

5. IN VIEW OF HIGH-LEVEL ALLIED INTEREST WE HOPE THAT STRONG PARTICIPATION CAN BE PROVIDED AT WASHINGTON END. EXERCISE WILL REQUIRE 24-HOUR WASHINGTON REACTION AND MISSION SUGGESTS THAT RESPONSE CELL BE ESTABLISHED WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEFENSE (INCLUDING JCS), STATE, AND OFFICE OF PREPAREDNESS. REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERIOR (OOG), COMMERCE (MARAD AND BODC) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ADVICE TO RESPONSE CELL WATCH OFFICERS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT ADVICE ON DETAILS OF WASHINGTON ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING LOCATION OF RESPONSE CELL, COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS, AND IDENTITY AND ORGANIZATION OF KEY PLAYERS. RUMSFELD

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